



Environment Institute  
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# ENVIRONMENT INSTITUTE OF AUSTRALIA AND NEW ZEALAND

## 2022 MERIT AWARDS

The EIANZ Merit Awards recognise members and practitioners who have made an outstanding contribution to the Institute and the environment profession. This year's awards were presented at the EIANZ 2022 Annual Conference Gala Dinner on Wednesday 26 October in Townsville. Congratulations and thank you to this year's winners!



**BRYAN JENKINS**  
HLMEIANZ

### SIMON MOLESWORTH AWARD

*This is highest award bestowed by the Institute and recognises outstanding service to the Institute at an Institute level by an EIANZ member.*

Bryan Jenkins has provided exceptional service to the Institute over a period of more than 30 years. Bryan is a founding member of EIANZ and has served as a Board member, Treasurer, and more recently as Board President.

Bryan's contribution to the Institute extends across two periods. Bryan was a Board member and Treasurer during the inception years of the Institute and in more recent times was member and Treasurer of the Boards led by Michael Chilcott and Jon Womersley. Bryan then took on the role of EIANZ Board President from 2017 until 2021.

Bryan has been central to major Institute reforms and improvements including the modernisation of governance structures and financial systems and processes. As President, Bryan had the task of leading EIANZ through the challenges of the COVID-19 pandemic. The pandemic had the potential to present an existential threat to professional institutes like EIANZ but Bryan, with support from EIANZ's staff and Board, turned challenge into opportunity and led the Institute into a period of expanded service delivery and growth.

Bryan is a highly worthy recipient of the 2022 Simon Molesworth Award.



**DAVID FRANCIS**  
FEIANZ CEnvP

## Mary Lou Morris Award

*This award recognises an EIANZ member who has provided outstanding service to the Institute at a Divisional, Chapter, Special Interest Section or Committee level.*

David has been a member of EIANZ since 2000 and has made an outstanding contribution to the Institute in the areas of Biodiversity Offsets and linear infrastructure ecology, advancing the objectives and strategies of the Ecology Special Interest Section.

David has been actively involved in organising key events delivered by the Institute including the ANET Conference in 2018, the Biodiversity Offsets Conference in 2019, and the Biodiversity Conference 2.0 in July 2022. All three events attracted impressive crowds, strong sponsorship revenue and high calibre speakers.

More recently, David has worked with the Biodiversity Offsets Community of Practice (part of the Ecology Special Interest Section) to develop a Biodiversity Offsets Position Statement and provides valuable guidance on ethical matters relating to offsets. His willingness to share knowledge and expertise as well as his tireless work and dedication makes him a worthy recipient of this award.



**SHANNEN BARNES**  
MEIANZ

## Tor Hundloe Award

*This award recognises outstanding contributions to the environment profession by a young professional EIANZ member.*

Shannen has been the Student and Early Careers Representative for the New Zealand Chapter since 2019 and was appointed Chair of the Student and Early Careers Committee this year. Shannen works hard to engage our student and early career members in Aotearoa New Zealand through regular events, running the Chapter's Mentoring Program and connecting with universities and their students to boost student membership. Shannen is also very active in the New Zealand Chapter supporting and advocating for ECPs in Aotearoa New Zealand.

Shannen is a great example and advocate for our student and early career members.



**EMMA HALE**  
MEIANZ

## Excellence in Environmental Practice Award

*This award recognises outstanding practice by an individual EIANZ member or non-member and is intended to be an exemplar for all environmental practitioners.*

Emma currently leads the Environment and Sustainability team within Sydney Water's North Delivery Team (NDT). Whether it is looking for better ways of working to promote and support sustainability, innovating and repurposing materials, or volunteering time, and gifting resources to support our communities, Emma is always the first to encourage and get involved. As the NDT Environment and Sustainability Business Partner, Emma is an integral part of the leadership team and continuously promotes a positive environmental and sustainable culture across the NDT.

Her innovative approaches and demonstrated ability to collaborate, encourage and engage on environmental projects to achieve sustainable outcomes make her a worthy recipient of this award.



**MICHELLE BEGBIE**  
CEnvP-SC

## CEnvP Service Award

*This award recognises contribution to the Certified Environmental Practitioner (CEnvP) Scheme and is decided by the Certification Board.*

Michelle is a passionate and committed volunteer of the CEnvP Scheme and upholds the values of positive leadership – always showing great respect towards her peers, staff, and applicants. Michelle is reliable and her technical contributions have achieved important improvements to the certification process for site contamination specialist applicants in Aotearoa New Zealand. Michelle is an excellent communicator who treats everyone with respect.



**RACHEL MAAS**  
MEIANZ CEnvP-IA

Rachel is one of the volunteers in the CEnvP Scheme who is consistently dedicated and stays the course. Her dedication to the Scheme has previously shone through in impact assessment and since May 2021, her determination has been a great asset to the development of the Social Impact Assessment (SIA) specialist certification.

Rachel is a founding and consistently active member of the Impact Assessment Specialist Environmental Advisory Committee (SEAC) where certification development is a major component of all SEAC works.

## Eric Anderson Award

*This award is for the best article published in the Australasian Journal of Environmental Management during the year and is decided by the Journal editors.*

The winners of this award are Michael K. Joy, Douglas A. Rankin, Lara Wöhler, Paul Boyce, Adam Canning, Kyleisha J. Foote & Pierce M. McNie for their 2022 article: *'The grey water footprint of milk due to nitrate leaching from dairy farms in Canterbury, New Zealand'*, Vol 29 No. 2, pp 177-199.

This article focuses on the Canterbury Region of Aotearoa New Zealand which has undergone rapid and significant land use intensification over the last three decades. By determining the nitrate grey water footprint of milk, the team demonstrates that extensive dairy farming in the region is leading to significant pollution of the region's groundwater, much of which is used for drinking water.

This is a remarkable and well conducted study with persuasive findings. The article has attracted over 2,890 views and an exceptional number of mentions on social media with the findings having relevance nationally and globally.



**MICHAEL K. JOY**



**DOUGLAS A. RANKIN**



**LARA WÖHLER**



**PAUL BOYCE**



**ADAM CANNING**



**KYLEISHA J. FOOTE**



**PIERCE McNIE**